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Mr. J. A. Spender, the Editor of the *Freemason's Gazette*, who has just visited India, writing in his paper on the Indian Civil Service, says:—

"No one can be for even a short time in India without becoming aware that the Civil Service feels aggrieved. One official after another will tell you that it is the butt of unfounded criticisms by ignorant members of Parliament, that it is incessantly blamed by newspapers which know neither its virtues nor its difficulties, and that this is having a serious effect in discouraging able young men from joining it."

"The Service, however, has partly itself to thank if curiosity of late years has been livelier than usual. It has talked to us a great deal about Indian unrest, from which the Britisher has argued that something is wrong which needs looking into. Infidelity has always been a part of the world, but still more, as every Anglo-Indian will tell you, the service is at work among the natives. One new factor about the unchanging East. The older officials say that the conditions of the Service have absolutely changed in the twenty five or thirty years that they have known it. The rule of the benevolent, unquestioned autocrat is over."

"One would give an imperfect impression of official and military life if one did not notice in passing the domestic side, the depression, the disquiet with the East, the longing to be back in a white world which attracts some Englishmen always and many Englishmen for periods of their life in India. There are times when this Eastern malaise seems to affect the whole governing class, and it depresses itself, underestimates its strength, and appears to despair of its task. It is very important that men who have a real distaste for the East should not be kept there compulsively, but be offered a way of escape to more congenial employment at home. An administration of pessimists will do no good in India."

"For the right kind of man, India is a great career, and to my eye, it seems at this moment to offer greater opportunities than ever before. But there is no disguising the fact that it requires corresponding sacrifices. The life which was once a woman's and still more woman's life in India is highly arduous. It involves a certain amount of physical and mental strain, and a certain amount of social isolation. The man who is not prepared for this will find India a very different thing from what it is represented to be."

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ANNUAL MEETING of the Share-
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March, at Noon, for the purpose of re-
ceiving the Report and Statement of Accounts
for the year ending 31st December, 1911.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from 12th to 25th
March, both days inclusive.
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, March 7, 1912.

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NOTICE.
THE THIRTIETH ORDINARY
ANNUAL MEETING of the Share-
holders of the above Company will be held
at the Office of the General Agents,
Pedder Street, on MONDAY, the 25th
March, at 12.15 P.M., for the purpose of re-
ceiving the Report and Statement of Accounts
for the year ending 31st December,
1911.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from 12th to 25th
March, both days inclusive.
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, March 7, 1912.

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THE TWENTY-THIRD ORDINARY
ANNUAL MEETING of the Share-
holders in the Company will be held at
the Office of the General Managers, 5th
Floor, Buildings, Victoria, Hongkong, on
SATURDAY, the 30th day of March, 1912,
at 11.30 o'clock A.M., for the purpose of re-
ceiving a Statement of Accounts and the
Report of the General Managers for the
year ending 31st December, 1911. Dividend
and closing a Consulting
Committee and Auditor.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from THURSDAY,
the 21st day of March, 1912, until
SATURDAY, the 30th day of March, 1912,
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NOTES MANAGER.

**BRITISH PRESS ON THE
REVOLUTION.**
The comments of the British press on
the Revolution and on the establishment
of a Republican Government in China, as
revealed by recent mail papers, are ex-
tremely interesting. They vary from frank
congratulation and unabashed optimism to
equally frank skepticism. The *National*
Review notes first that *The Daily Chronicle*
seizes the whole situation and puts it in
a nutshell:—
"A nation, or, more correctly, a medley
of nations, which since the far morning of
the world's story has regarded its
Sovereigns as demigods, has become a
Republic. This event, the most dramatic
and stupendous constitutional change in all
history, involves one-third of the human
race. And this vast change, so great that
its real significance and magnitude are
difficult to comprehend, has been brought
about by the most surprising revolution
ever witnessed. Once again the slow-
moving East has fascinated and astounded
the West by rapidity of movement. This
wonderful drama has been accompanied,
too, by comparatively little bloodshed, and
it has ended as never similar drama con-
cluded before. There has been no last
desperate stand of the Imperialists in the
Palace, no hasty flight of the fallen,
no vengeance meted out to the members
of the unpopular, discredited ruling
caste. The Manchus go into exile
with all the pomp and circumstance
which have ordered the movements of
the Royal House during centuries of
power. Deeply noted: 'genius for eti-
quette' has not been lost even in the fall
from a throne. At first blush, Republi-
canism seems hopelessly out of keeping
with everything we know of Chinese ideas
and traditions. But the race which could
organize such swift and certain triumph has
in it power to hold aloft that flag it has
carried to victory."
Other journals take leave to wonder at
the way the thing has been done—so
completely what was not expected, and
yet so completely satisfying to all concerned.
It is in this strain. *The Morning Post*
writes:—
"It is difficult to know which to marvel at
more, the revolution itself or the means by
which it has been brought about. Is there
any precedent for the rulers of a great
Empire, compelled to surrender their
power and prerogatives, leaving solemn
and formal edicts, with a view to signaling
the opening of a new regime? Surely there
has seldom been anything which supplies a
better illustration of the passion of the
Chinese people for the proper observance
of form and ceremony in all the affairs of
life. And the abdication of political power
by the Manchus recalls another of the
characteristics of the race, its preference
for settling disputes by peaceful compromise
instead of by an appeal to arms. It is true
that the revolution began by armed insurrec-
tion, and that the Court capitulated in face
of the pressure of force. But at the conflict
was not fought out to the bitter end, and
the final settlement is the outcome of weeks
of delicate negotiation. Further, the fact
that the Throne proclaims its own abdi-
cation is a concession to the regard always
paid by the people to the majesty of a
king. So that, while the revolution may
be said to be the product of a great
insurrection, it is equally the result of a
calm and dignified process. The Manchus
have been having first made sure that it
is to be very comfortably provided for,
exercises its still despotic power to re-
nounce the Throne and declares that the
Republican form of government is hence-
forth to be the only one. The transfer of
authority takes place in a quiet and unob-
trusive fashion. Nobody can say
the Republic is illegal, since it is estab-
lished by Imperial Edict, which has been the
Chinese substitute for an Act of
Parliament."

It is the Mongolian fashion the Manchus
have committed their own happy despatch.
There never was such a polite and digni-
fied revolution, so far at least as the Central
Government is concerned. Here, as in
many other respects, the East can give
lessons to the West, especially in matters
of etiquette. The Manchus, it is true, are
not a people of high and princely blood,
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BIG SHIPPING
DISASTER.ANOTHER P. & O.
STEAMER LOST.OCEANA FOUNDERS IN
COLLISION.(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, March 17.The four-masted barque *Oceana* struck the P. & O. steamer *Oceanic*, which sailed yesterday for Bombay, broadside on, four miles west of Beachy Head.

The passengers and crew were landed at Newhaven and Eastbourne.

FURTHER DETAILS.

The *Oceana* sank two miles from shore while being towed to the beach. She went down slowly in about twenty feet of water. Her side was smashed. She disappeared in twenty minutes, heeling right over.

The captain and crew, who were on board, were rescued by a tug. Several passengers were severely cut and bruised in the collision.

The *Pisagua* arrived at Dover in a sinking condition. A passenger named Chorlton has received a fractured arm.

A PATHETIC INCIDENT.

The passengers and crew were saved by the mail steamer *Sussex* and the *Hebe* from Newhaven and Eastbourne.

Miss Macfarlane, who was rescued from a capsize boat and taken to an Eastbourne hotel, says that the capsize boat also contained her father, a clergyman, his wife and children, and other ladies, whose fate is uncertain at present.

SPECIE.

The specie on board the *Oceana*, to the amount of £747,610, was for Bombay, except £1,840 for Port Said.

A PASSENGER'S STORY.

Captain Hutchinson, of the Yorkshire Regiment, who was a passenger, says that there were about 16 first-class and 30 second-class passengers aboard who were afloat at the time. It was a clear night. There was a terrible crash at five o'clock in the morning. The *Oceana* was going at full speed, and she shivered from stem to stern. The passengers immediately rushed on deck. The conduct of the women and white men was splendid. That of the *Lascaris* was abominable.

SEVEN PASSENGERS MISSING.

The P. & O. Company announces that all the passengers except seven are accounted for.

The accounts of the disaster show the *Oceana* to have been so great that many were wading on the ship in two feet of water. Life-belts were speedily served out. The first boat launched did not clear the blocks properly and was swamped. One lady was saved, but it is feared that the remainder of the occupants were drowned. Captain Hutchinson's own boat made for the lighthouse and was picked up by the Eastbourne life boat in the nick of time, as they were baling continuously.

PITTYABLE SCENES.

The majority of the passenger landed at Newhaven in a very dejected condition. A number of them were injured, some with arms broken. Eighteen passengers arrived in London in night attire wrapped in blankets and overcoats, the ladies with their hair down. Nine were landed at Eastbourne.

It is feared that four others were drowned by the capsizing of a boat, as well as some of the crew. A French trawler has arrived at Newhaven with two bodies—one of a stewardess, the other a *Lascaris*.

The number of the crew missing is unknown. Altogether 32 passengers have arrived in London.

The ship's carpenter has had to have a leg amputated.

It is hoped to save the *Oceanic* on board the *Oceana*, whose masts are above water.

SAD NEWS.

LONDON, March 18.

Enquiries made at Eastbourne, reveal the fact that there is no news of the missing occupants of the first boat, and it is now regarded as certain that the seventeen occupants were drowned.

A violent gale is raging in the Channel.

[Note.—The *Oceana* is one of the well-known old liners of the P. & O. Company. Previously she was on the Australian run. She has been plying between London and Bombay. She is a steel-screw, four-masted boat with gross tonnage of 6,610, and was built in 1888 at Belfast by Messrs Harland and Wolff. Her length was 408 feet, breadth 32 feet and depth 26 feet. She was formerly in command of Capt. Owen Jones, R.N.R., but no news has been received as to who was in command at the time of the collision.—Ed. C.M.]THE GREAT STRIKE.
NEGOTIATIONS FAIL.(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, March 18.

The Miners' Federation announces that the negotiations are broken off.

The Miners' Federation states that their Executive has been authorised to consider a Minimum Wage Bill, which will be introduced immediately, with a view to safeguarding the miners' interests, but they will not recommend the resumption of work until they see its final shape.

Mr. Asquith said that, considering the extent of the earnings and the number of the people affected, the dispute every day became a more serious menace to the well-being of the country.

GOVERNMENT ACTION.

In an official statement Mr. Asquith informed the Conference that though the Government had done its utmost, it was impossible to reach an agreement. Other measures must, therefore, be taken. The Government would ask Parliament for a legislative declaration that a reasonable minimum wage, accompanied by safeguards for employers, should be a statutory portion of the contract for all underground coal-miners. Without pledging the Government to the precise form of the machinery, Mr. Asquith indicated that district minima would be fixed locally by joint boards of employers and employees with a neutral and independent chairman selected by both parties or, if necessary, by the Government. The Government's proposals included provisions for securing promptitude in the presentation of the parties' cases, and adjudication thereof.

After hearing Mr. Asquith, both parties made suggestions, the details of which the Government representatives undertook to consider.

GOVERNMENT MAY WORK
MINES.The *Daily News* states that the Bill will empower the Government to work the mines of those owners who do not accept the principle of the minimum wage.

A special meeting of the Cabinet has considered the Strike Bill.

THE GOVERNMENT'S
DILEMMA.

It is expected that the Minimum Wage Bill will be introduced in the House of Commons on Tuesday, and it is hoped that it will be passed by the end of the week, though it is recognised that there are many difficulties. The Government's position is most delicate. On the one hand, the Labourites are likely to oppose any attempt to establish compulsory arbitration, while the employers generally sitting in the House of Commons will not accept the Bill unless it carries punitive powers against both parties.

The *Times* believes that the safeguards for the protection of the employers will follow the lines of the proposals of the Federated Coal-Owners published in *The Times* on February 21st.

MINERS' JUBILANT.

The proceedings at the Miners' Conference yesterday were most enthusiastic, the delegates regarding the proposed Bill as a great triumph, and expressing little doubt that it would be of a character which they would be able to approve.

Mr. Albert Stanley, Labour M.P., in an interview declared that the miners believed that their will would be enforced in a few days.

DOUBTS.

The *Times*, which praised Mr. Asquith's conduct during the disheartening and laborious negotiations, points out the possibility of the Bill having an opposite effect to ending the strike, and considers it improbable that the Bill contemplated by the Government and such as the Opposition would support and the House of Lords accept, would be exactly what the miners would wish.

THE ONLY HOPE.

There are hopes that the miners at their own desire will resume work. This is the best prospect for the end of the strike. Even the extremists of South Wales are represented as being angry with their leaders for causing them to believe that the strike would be settled in their favour in three days. The newspapers generally urge the miners to return to work immediately the Bill is passed in view of the distress which is increasing with most alarming rapidity.

THE KING INFORMED.

London, March 17.
Mr. Asquith had an audience with the King, to whom he explained the strike position.

PREPARING THE BILL.

At the request of Mr. Asquith, the coal-owners and miners have appointed

representatives to confer with the Government in the preparation of the Strike Bill.
Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, Labour M.P., was called in for consultation at yesterday's Cabinet Council on the Strike Bill.

SCOTLAND HARD HIT.

The prospects are swiftly increasing towards industrial paralysis of the most alarming character. Thousands were dismissed at Glasgow yesterday, and the distress in the mining and iron districts in Scotland is most acute. Many miners have expressed their determination to resume work.

Yesterday 200 non-unionists started at Bellsburn, Lanarkshire. They were escorted by police, whom the men of strikers stoned. A dozen were arrested, including some Poles.

THE WORKERS POWER.

The Welsh miners' leader, Mr. Hartshorn, in a speech last night, said compulsory arbitration would not settle the strike. "The outstanding fact is," he said, "that the workers are masters of the situation. They have all the power and it is simply a question of how they will use it."

CHINESE AFFAIRS.

APPOINTMENT OF
DIPLOMATISTS.(Wah Tsai Yat Po's Service.)
PEKING, March 18.

Yuan Shih-kai has wired to Sun Yat-sen suggesting that Shun Chao-yen be sent to Tokyo as Chinese Minister, and Wan Chung to London in a similar capacity.

KIDNAPING AT SHANGHAI.

SHANGHAI, March 18.

The seventh grandson of Sheng Hui-wei, the promoter of the railway nationalisation scheme, has been kidnapped by soldiers of the Han Chow garrison from the railway station at Shanghai, whether he was proceeding to the Chinese race course.

They demand a ransom of \$100,000.

RUSSIA INTERFERES.

Russia has objected to Yuan Shih-kai giving the Peking Kalgan railway as security for a Polish loan.

DISCONTENTED SOLDIERS.

SHANGHAI, March 18.

The Shanghai soldiers are discontented with the Governor-general Chan Chi-mi, and he has left for Hangchow.

SUN YAT-SEN TO REMAIN
AT NANKING.

Yuan Shih-kai has requested Sun Yat-sen and his secretaries to remain in Nanking.

CABINET MAKING INTERRUPTED.

On account of the disputes which have arisen between the North and South, the appointments to the new Cabinet have not yet been made.

THE SWATOW TROUBLE.

The trouble at Swatow between the Peace Commission and Kwok, the former bandit continues, though there was no fighting on Sunday. Trains have ceased running on the Chao-Shan railway. A great many have been killed in the recent fighting.

HONGKONG UNIVERSITY.

SIR CHARLES ELIOT TO BE
PRINCIPAL.(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, March 17.

Sir Charles Eliot, K.C.M.G., Vice-Chancellor of the University of Sheffield since 1905, has accepted the appointment of Head of the University of Hongkong.

[Note.—Sir Charles Eliot, who is 48 years of age, has had a distinguished career in diplomatic and academic circles. The son of the Rev. E. Eliot, of Norton Bawant, he was educated at Cheltenham and later at Balliol College, Oxford, where he was a member of the *Magnum* in 1881. Here he took numerous distinctions, including the Syriac Prize and in 1885 secured his B.A. degree. Later he became Fellow of Trinity College. He first joined the Diplomatic Service in 1888 as Third Secretary to the Embassy at St. Petersburg, remaining in this position until 1892. He then went to Constantinople for a period of five years, and successively held the positions of Charge d'Affaires at Morocco, Bulgaria and Serbia. In 1898 he was Secretary to the British Embassy at Washington, and in the following year he was British High Commissioner to Japan, while from 1900 to 1904 he was H.M.'s Commissioner and Commander-in-Chief for the British East Africa Protectorate. Agent and Consul-General for German East Africa. Sir Charles resigned from the Diplomatic Service in 1906 and in the year following was made Vice-Chancellor of the Sheffield University, which position he has since held. Among the publications which have issued from his pen are the following: "A Turkish Question," "Turkey in Europe," "The East Africa Protectorate," "Letters from the Far East," and many papers on marine zoology.—Ed. C.M.]

FREE SUGAR BILL.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, March 17.

Reuter's Washington correspondent telegraphs that the House of Representatives has passed the Free Sugar Bill.

THE WAR.

ITALY REPLIES TO POWERS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, March 17.

Italy yesterday replied to the enquiry of the Powers stating the terms on which Italy will end the war.

ANOTHER UNOPPOSED
RETURN.(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, March 17.

Mr. Rupert Guinness (U.) has been returned unopposed for South-East Essex.

GERMAN POLITICS.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY
RETIRES.(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, March 17.

Reuter's correspondent at Berlin telegraphs that Herr Wermuth, Imperial Secretary for Finance, has resigned, owing to disagreement over the new Defence Bill. Herr Kuehn, Under Secretary, has been appointed to succeed him.

THE DISPUTE.

LATER.

Reuter's Berlin correspondent states that the Government has decided to obtain increased revenue for the Army and Navy by cancelling the rebate in Excise bounties enjoyed by rural distilleries and appropriating the surplus from existing taxation.

Herr Wermuth strongly favoured an inheritance tax and was opposed to the utilisation of prebent revenue for fresh expenditure.

THE VIRGINIAN
SENSATION.(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, March 17.

Reuter's correspondent at Rangoon telegraphs that the posse of citizens which went in pursuit of the brothers Allen and others of the gang around Sydney Allen's house and wounded Allen seriously. Several others were captured.

INTERNATIONAL
FOOTBALL.TWO VICTORIES FOR
SCOTLAND.(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, March 17.

In the International Rugby match Scotland beat England by eight points to three at Edinburgh.

In the International Association match at Belfast, Scotland beat Ireland by four goals to one.

ARGENTINE CROPS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, March 17.

A telegram from Buenos Ayres states that the second official estimate of the crops gives:—Corn, 4,010,000 tons; flax 595,000 tons; oats, 877,500 tons. Although the crops will not be so heavy as represented in the first estimate, it will be larger than last year. The maize crop constitutes a record.

THE BOAT RACE.

OXFORD'S TRIAL EFFORT.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, March 17.

The Oxford crew went over the full course in a trial yesterday in unfavourable conditions in 22 minutes 5 seconds.

[Note.—The record for the Boat Race is 18 minutes 29 seconds, which was Oxford's time last year.—Ed. C.M.]

JAPAN AS PEACE
GUARANTEE.MR JACOB SCHIFF'S
DECLARATION.(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, March 17.

Reuter's correspondent at New York telegraphs that at a luncheon given in honour of the new Japanese Ambassador, Mr. Jacob Schiff declared that the American and European bankers consented to invite Japan to render financial help to China. Japan, he said, was the greatest peace guarantee of the East, standing as sentinel over Asia. He was thankful that Japan instead of Russia was victorious.

THE BATTLESHIP
MAINE.

SUNK AGAIN.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, March 17.Reuter's agent at Havana wires that the United States battleship *Maine*, which was recently refitted to ascertain how she fared, has been sunk again off the Cuban coast, with imposing ceremony. The deck was strewn with flowers and the warships fired salutes. The bodies of the crew will be taken to the United States for interment.

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